

Environmental Product Declaration for aggregates from Århus sten og grus terminal – Århus, Denmark



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The aggregates declared in the EPD are divided into 7 product groups. See Table 1 for all declared products in this EPD.

EPD Information

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General product information

The products declared are aggregates manufactured by NCC Industry, Division Stone Materials. The declared site is Århus sten og grus in Århus, a medium-sized terminal by NCC Industry in Denmark.

The declared products manufactured in Århus sten og grus during 2021 (product list in Table 1) are intended to be used as, e.g. asphalt, concrete and filling material in civil engineering.

Aggregates are produced in various fractions; from finely crushed 0/2 mm material (grains between 0 and 2 mm in diameter). 0/4 mm sand and pebbles for concrete, crushed rocks, gravel for subbase and base course. There are 18 types of aggregates declared in this EPD, representing the products manufactured at the declared site, see Table 1. The technical standards which the aggregates are compliant with are also presented. The aggregates consist of stone, gravel and sand.

Table 1: Products manufactured at the declared site, classified into product groups and standards applicable.

Product group	Product names (English)	Product names (Danish)	EN-12620 1)	EN-13242 2)	EN-13043 3)	EN-13285 4)
1	Mortar sand 0/2	Mørtelsand 0/2		X		
	Sea aggregates unsorted	Rågrus usort				
	Special gravel	Specialgrus iflg. aftale				
	Concrete sand kl. A 0/2	Betonsand kl. A 0/2	X			
2	Mortar/Plaster gravel 0/4	Mure-/pudsegrus 0/4				
	Gravel for paving 0/4	Brolæggergrus 0/4				
3	Pebbles kl. P 2/5	Perlegrus 2/5	X			
	Subbase gravel kv. II 0/4	Bundsikringsgrus kv. II 0/4				X
4	Sea aggregates >16	Søsten >16				
	Pebbles kl. A 4/11	Perlesten kl. A 4/11	X			
	Rock fines 0/4	Stenmel 0/4			X	
	Washed kl. M Jyske rev 4/11	Vasket kl. M Jyske rev 4/11	X			
	Pebbles kl. A 8/16	Ærtesten kl. A 8/16	X			
	Pebbles kl. M 8/16	Ærtesten kl. M 8/16	X			
5	Path gravel	Stigrus				
6	Pebbles kl. M 2/8	Perlesten kl. M 2/8	X			
	Casting mix 0/8	Støbemix 0/8				
7	Pebbles kl. M 4/16	Ærtesten kl. M 4/16	X			

1) EN-12620+A1:2008 - Aggregates for Concrete

2) EN-13242+A1:2007 - Aggregates for unbound and hydraulically bound materials for use in civil engineering work and road construction

3) EN-13043/AC:2006 - Aggregates for bituminous mixtures and surface treatments for roads, airfields and other trafficked areas

4) EN-13285/2018 – Unbound mixtures. Specifications

The products are classified into product groups based on their total consumption of diesel since it is the largest contributor to the overall environmental impact. Products in one product group have the same diesel consumption. For the energy ancillary materials and waste, a conservative approach has been taken so the products with the highest values within the product groups have been used in the LCA

calculation. The sectioning of the products in product groups simplifies the presentation of results in the EPD, which are declared per product group.

The process of extracting natural sand & gravel at sea starts with an empty ship that leaves the harbour and travels to a dredging area out at sea. Once at the dredging area the ship uses either a stationary dredger or a trailing suction hopper dredger. A first

screening of the material is done at the ship to remove undersize material. When the ship is full it returns to the harbour and is either unloaded with an excavator directly into the production process or unloaded directly from the ship to a stockpile on site.

The continued production process is a combination of material feeders, conveyor belts, a washing plant, crushers and screens that transports, washes, breaks and sorts the material into different products. The production process set-up is illustrated in Figure 1.

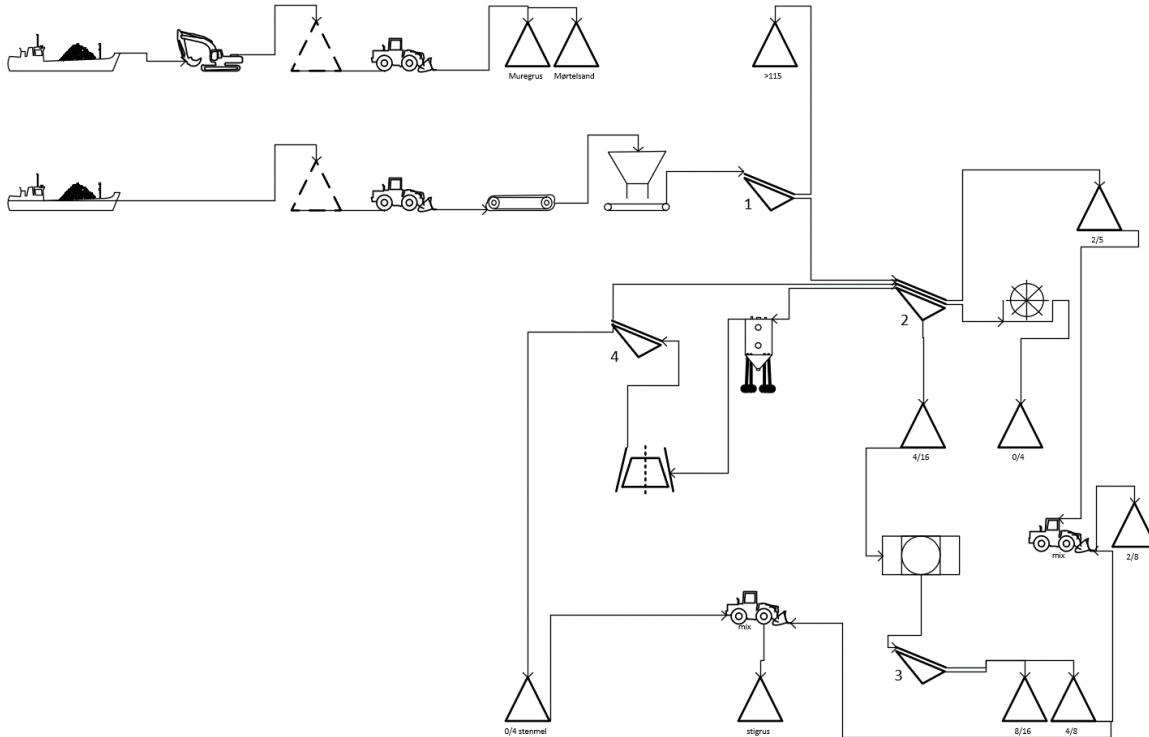


Figure 1: Process set-up for the production of aggregates at the declared site.

The products declared are classified according to the United Nations Central Product Classification (UN CPC) 15320. All materials are produced according to the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) within the EU regulation 305/2011.

The geographical location of the declared site is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2: Map and picture showing the geographical location of the declared site.

Declared unit

The declared unit is 1 tonne (1000 kg) of aggregates.

System boundary

The system boundaries cover aspects such as temporal and geographical. The setting of system boundaries follows two principles according to EN 15804: (1) The “modularity principle” and (2) the “polluter pays principle”.

The EPD is based on an LCA model described in the background report and in the related annex (see reference list). The declared modules are A1-A3, C and D, see Table 2. The product system under study is presented in Figure 3.

For aggregates used in asphalt and concrete the declared modules are A1-A3 (i.e. “cradle to gate”). Exemptions in EN 15804 (chapter 5.2) are fulfilled permitting not to declare module C and D.

For aggregates used in other applications the declared modules are A1-A3, C and D (i.e. “cradle to gate, modules C1–C4, and module D”).

Data that represent the current production process at the site are used. All input data used in the LCA model (e.g. raw materials and production data) that NCC Industry has influence over are site specific data for the production year 2021. The geographical scope, i.e. location(s) of use and end-of-life performance, is Denmark.

The environmental impact from infrastructure, construction, production equipment and tools that are not directly consumed in the production process are not accounted for in the Life Cycle Inventory (LCI). Personnel-related impacts, such as transportation to and from work, are neither accounted for in the LCI.

Declaration of the RSL is only possible if B1-B5 are included, i.e. RSL is not assessed.

Table 2: Modules of the life cycle in the EPD, including geography, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG indicator) and data variation.

	Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*
Geography	DK	DK	DK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DK	DK	DK	DK	DK
Specific data	>90%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	<10%**			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – sites	Not relevant			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Only declared for products used in other applications than asphalt and concrete.

**Within each product group. The variation between different product groups are bigger, see result tables.

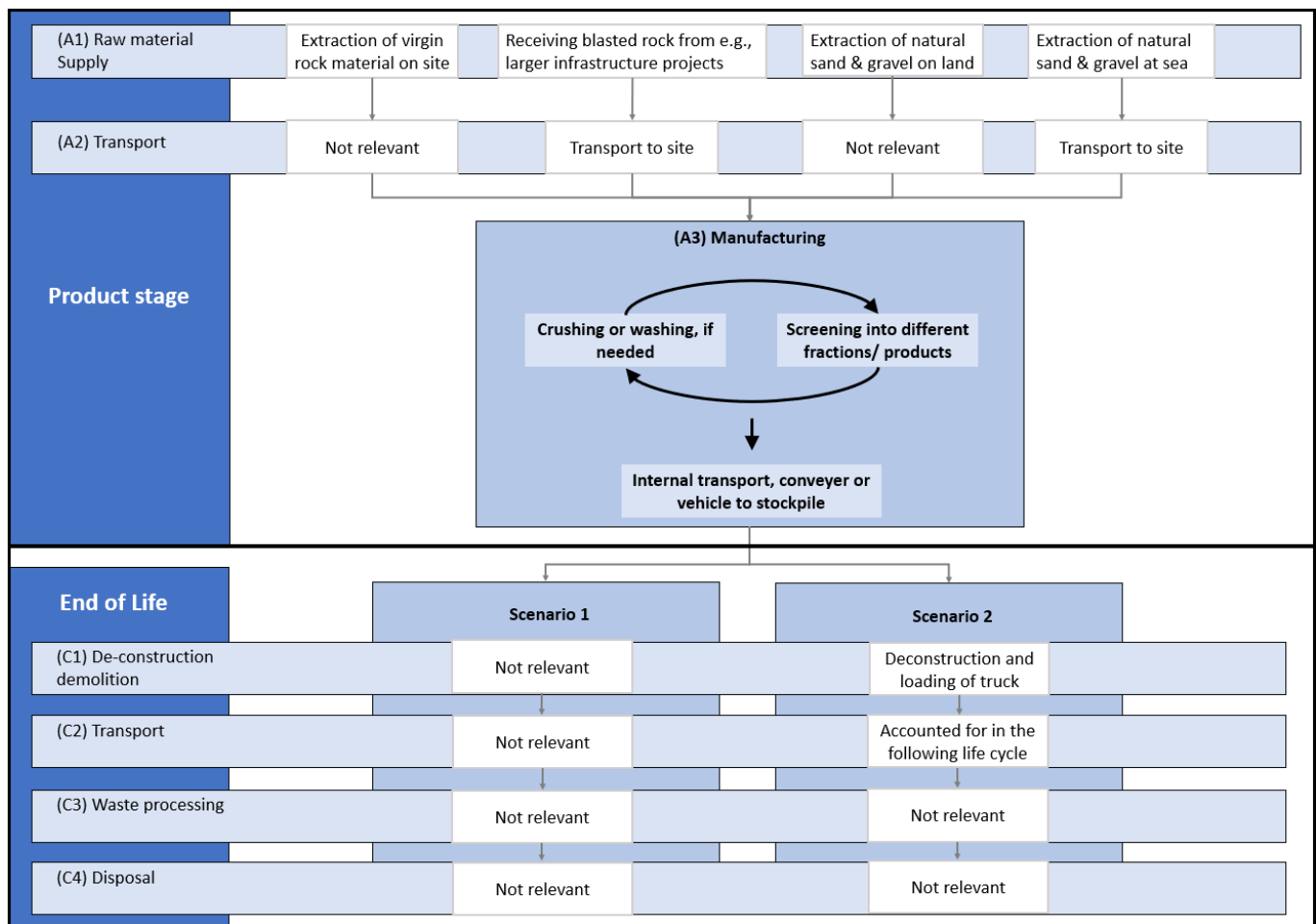


Figure 3: System boundaries for the studied product system.

Assumptions and approximations

Various oils and lubricants used in the production process, are approximated with a dataset for lubricants since no dataset or EPD were found for hydraulic oil or grease and the impact is judged to be similar.

Transport distances have been approximated together with operational experts at the site. This is applied since the impact from the transport work has minor contribution independent of the distances the raw materials are transported.

Allocation

The production does not deliver any co-products.

The products are classified into product groups based on their total consumption of diesel since it is the largest contributor to the overall environmental impact. Products in one product group have the same diesel consumption. For the energy, ancillary materials and waste, a conservative approach has been taken so the products with the highest values within each product group have been used in the LCA

calculation. The sectioning of the products in product groups simplifies the presentation of results in the EPD, which are declared per product group.

Since the electricity consumption is known for the production process as a whole, allocation of electricity is made based on knowledge about the mass of rock going through each process step.

The fuel consumed when dredging for materials and transporting them to site, is allocated equally on to all products. The diesel consumed on site is allocated on to products based on knowledge regarding which process steps they pass through. Allocation of diesel is done based on mass of each product produced at the site.

Cut-offs

The cut-off criteria are 1% of the renewable and non-renewable primary energy usage and 1% of the total mass input of the manufacture process (according to the EN 15804 standard).

In the assessment, all available data from the production process are considered, i.e. all raw materials used, utilised ancillary materials, and

energy consumption using the best available LCI GaBi datasets.

The following cut-offs have been made:

- The amount of oil-contaminated soil due to spillage from machines/vehicles is very difficult to estimate. Based on internal expert knowledge, this amount is deemed negligible and very rarely occurring.
- The packaging for the input materials used in the production process are negligible.

Software and database

The LCA software GaBi Professional and its integrated database from Sphera has been used in the LCA modelling. See the list of references.

Electricity in manufacturing

If the electricity in module A3 accounts for more than 30% of the total energy in stage A1 to A3, the energy sources behind the electricity grid in module A3 shall be documented, including the LCA data of grams CO₂ eq./kWh. For transparency the information is given in Table 3 even though electricity in A3 accounts for less than 30% of the total energy in A1-A3.

Table 3: Electricity in manufacturing (A3).

Energy source	LCA data (g CO ₂ eq./kWh)
Wind power	6.3

Data quality

The primary data collected by the manufacturer are based on the required materials and energy to manufacture the product. The data of the raw materials are collected per declared unit. All necessary life cycle inventories for the basic materials are available in the GaBi database or via EPDs. No generic selected datasets (secondary data) used are older than ten years. No specific data collected is older than five years and represent a period of about one year. The representativeness, completeness, reliability and consistency are judged as good.

About NCC

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Content declaration including packaging

The products declared do not contain any substances of very high concern (SVHC) according to REACH. Table 4 presents the content declaration

for the various product groups. The mass of biogenic carbon in the products is less than 5%. The packaging material is negligible.

Table 4: Content declaration of the aggregates declared.

Product group	Product component	Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Renewable material weight-%
1	Marine aggregates	1000	0	0
2	Marine aggregates	1000	0	0
3	Marine aggregates	1000	0	0
4	Marine aggregates	1000	0	0
5	Marine aggregates	1000	0	0
6	Marine aggregates	1000	0	0
7	Marine aggregates	1000	0	0
Product group	Packaging material	Weight, kg	Weight-% (versus the product)	
1-7	Negligible for all product groups	Negligible	Negligible	

Environmental performance

The results of the life cycle assessment, based on the declared unit, can be found in Table 5 and 6 (core environmental indicators), Table 7 and 8 (resource use) and Table 9 and 10 (output flows and waste categories). The products are divided into different product groups based on their total consumption of diesel. Products within the same product group carry the same impact. The deviation within each product group is less than 10% for any core environmental indicators, resource use and waste category.

Table 5: Results of the LCA (modules A1-A3) – Core environmental indicators per declared unit of the respective product group

Core environmental indicators			Product group 1	Product group 2	Product group 3	Product group 4	Product group 5	Product group 6	Product group 7
Impact category	Unit	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3
Climate change	Total	kg CO ₂ eq	14	14	14	14	14	14	15
	Fossil	kg CO ₂ eq	14	14	14	14	14	14	15
	Biogenic*	kg CO ₂ eq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Land use and land use change	kg CO ₂ eq	2.6E-04	2.7E-04	2.8E-04	3.1E-04	2.9E-04	3.0E-04	3.2E-04
	GWP-GHG**	kg CO ₂ eq	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Ozone depletion	kg CFC 11 eq	1.6E-13	1.7E-13	1.7E-13	2.7E-13	1.7E-13	1.8E-13	2.7E-13	
Acidification	mol H+ eq.	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.021	
Eutrophication aquatic freshwater	kg P eq.	3.2E-06	3.2E-06	3.3E-06	3.31E-06	3.3E-06	3.3E-06	3.4E-06	
Eutrophication aquatic marine	kg N eq.	7.0E-03	7.0E-03	7.1E-03	7.1E-03	7.3E-03	7.3E-03	7.3E-03	
Eutrophication terrestrial	mol N eq.	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.078	0.080	0.080	0.080	
Photochemical ozone formation	kg NMVOC eq.	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	
Depletion of abiotic resources - minerals and metals	kg Sb eq.	3.84E-07	5.7E-07	7.6E-07	8.8E-07	6.3E-07	7.86E-07	8.7E-07	
Depletion of abiotic resources - fossil fuels	MJ, net calorific value	180	180	181	181	183	183	184	
Water use	m ³ world eq. deprived	0.024	0.028	0.031	0.034	0.030	0.033	0.035	

*This indicator is set to zero, due to inconsistencies in the dataset used delivered by Sphera. Though, net result over the life cycle is zero since carbon uptake and emission is zero during a life-cycle.

Table 6: Results of the LCA (modules C and D) – Core environmental indicators per declared unit of the respective product group.

Core environmental indicators			All product groups				
Impact category	Unit	C1 (S1/S2)	C2	C3	C4	D (S1/S2)	
Climate change	Total	kg CO ₂ eq.	NR/0.95	NR	NR	NR	NR/-14
	Fossil	kg CO ₂ eq.	NR/0.94	NR	NR	NR	NR/-14
	Biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq.	NR/0	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
	Land use and land use change	kg CO ₂ eq.	NR/5.1E-03	NR	NR	NR	NR/1.8E-03
	GWP-GHG	kg CO ₂ eq.	NR/0.94	NR	NR	NR	NR/-14
Ozone depletion	kg CFC 11 eq.	NR/5.5E-14	NR	NR	NR	NR/-1.4E-13	
Acidification	mol H+ eq.	NR/2.4E-03	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.020	
Eutrophication aquatic freshwater	kg P eq.	NR/2.7E-06	NR	NR	NR	NR/-2.1E-06	
Eutrophication aquatic marine	kg N eq.	NR/1.1E-03	NR	NR	NR	NR/-6.9E-03	
Eutrophication terrestrial	mol N eq.	NR/0.012	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.076	
Photochemical ozone formation	kg NMVOC eq.	NR/3.4E-03	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.021	
Depletion of abiotic resources - minerals and metals	kg Sb eq.	NR/7.7E-08	NR	NR	NR	NR/-3.5E-07	
Depletion of abiotic resources - fossil fuels	MJ, net calorific value	NR/12	NR	NR	NR	NR/-175	
Water use	m ³ world eq. deprived	NR/8.2E-03	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.021	

Table 7: Results of the LCA (modules A1-A3) – Resource use per declared unit of the respective product group.

Use of resources		Product group 1	Product group 2	Product group 3	Product group 4	Product group 5	Product group 6	Product group 7
Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3
Use of renewable primary energy excl. renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	1.0	13	26	34	17	27	33
Use of renewable primary energy as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total use of renewable primary energy	MJ, net calorific value	1.0	13	26	34	17	27	33
Use of non-renewable primary energy excl. non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	180	180	181	181	183	183	184
Use of non-renewable primary energy as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total use of non-renewable primary energy	MJ, net calorific value	180	180	181	181	183	183	184
Use of secondary material	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of net fresh water	m ³	1.9E-03	2.0E-03	2.1E-03	2.3E-03	2.1E-03	2.2E-03	2.4E-03

Table 8: Results of the LCA (modules C and D) – Resource use per declared unit of the respective product group

Use of resources		All product groups				
Parameter	Unit	C1 (S1/S2)	C2	C3	C4	D (S1/S2)
Use of renewable primary energy excl. renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	NR/0.7	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.77
Use of renewable primary energy as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	NR/0	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
Total use of renewable primary energy	MJ, net calorific value	NR/0.7	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.77
Use of non-renewable primary energy excl. non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	NR/12	NR	NR	NR	NR/-175
Use of non-renewable primary energy as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	NR/0	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
Total use of non-renewable primary energy	MJ, net calorific value	NR/12	NR	NR	NR	NR/-175
Use of secondary material	kg	NR/0	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	NR/0	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	NR/0	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
Use of net fresh water	m ³	NR/7.9E-04	NR	NR	NR	NR/-1.6E-03

Table 9: Results of the LCA (modules A1-A3) – Waste categories and output flows per declared unit of the respective product group.

Waste categories & output flows		Product group 1	Product group 2	Product group 3	Product group 4	Product group 5	Product group 6	Product group 7
Parameter/Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.0E-04	2.0E-04	2.0E-04	3.0E-04	2.0E-04	3.0E-04	3.0E-04
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.054	0.068	0.082	0.092	0.078	0.090	0.097
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	4.1E-04	4.1E-04	4.1E-04	4.3E-04	4.2E-04	4.2E-04	4.3E-04
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.012	0.024	0.036	0.044	0.034	0.044	0.049
Exported energy	MJ per energy carrier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10: Results of the LCA (modules C and D) – Waste categories and output flows per declared unit of the respective product group.

Waste categories & output flows		All product groups				
Parameter/Indicator	Unit	C1 (S1/S2)	C2	C3	C4	D (S1/S2)
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	NR/5.9E-11	NR	NR	NR	NR/-1.0E-04
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	NR/1.8E-03	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.053
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	NR/1.5E-05	NR	NR	NR	NR/-4.0E-04
Components for re-use	kg	NR/1000	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
Materials for recycling	kg	NR/NR	NR	NR	NR	NR/0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	NR/NR	NR	NR	NR	NR/-0.012
Exported energy	MJ per energy carrier	NR/NR	NR	NR	NR	NR/0

Table 11: Additional environmental impact indicators are only declared in the Annex to the General background report.

Impact category	Unit	Module A1-D
Particulate matter emissions	Disease incidence	Not declared in EPD, see Background Annex Report
Ionizing radiation, human health	kBq U235 eq.	Not declared in EPD, see Background Annex Report
Eco-toxicity (freshwater)	CTUe	Not declared in EPD, see Background Annex Report
Human toxicity, cancer effects	CTUh	Not declared in EPD, see Background Annex Report
Human toxicity, non-cancer effects	CTUh	Not declared in EPD, see Background Annex Report
Land use related impacts/Soil quality	dimensionless	Not declared in EPD, see Background Annex Report

Table 12: Classification of disclaimers to the declaration of core and additional environmental impact indicators.

ILCD classification	Indicator	Disclaimer
ILCD Type 1	Global warming potential (GWP)	None
	Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer (ODP)	None
	Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions (PM)	None
ILCD Type 2	Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance (AP)	None
	Eutrophication potential, Fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment (EP-freshwater)	None
	Eutrophication potential, Fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment (EP-marine)	None
	Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance (EP-terrestrial)	None
	Formation potential of tropospheric ozone (POCP)	None
	Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235 (IRP)	1
ILCD Type 3	Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources (ADP-minerals&metals)	2
	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP-fossil)	2
	Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption (WDP)	2
	Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems (ETP-fw)	2
	Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans (HTP-c)	2
	Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans (HTP-nc)	2
	Potential Soil quality index (SQP)	2

Disclaimer 1 – This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator

Disclaimer 2 – The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experienced with the indicator.

General information

Marine aggregates are a finite resource. Dredging aggregates from the seabed will affect the environment which means changed conditions in existing habitats.

The dredging may have a negative impact on the local marine environment in the licensed areas. Both the sea and land-based operations requires equipment and vehicles running on fossil and renewable energy. The operations, including transports, cause emissions to air, water and soil and disturbances such as noise, vibrations, and dust.

Therefore, quarries, gravel pits and terminals need to be environmentally assessed in accordance with current legislation. During the application procedure consultations are held with interested parties. Decisions and permits can be appealed.

All sites in NCC Industry, Division Stone Materials, are operated according to a given permit/decision from actual authority which include different conditions. Those conditions might regulate e.g. distance to groundwater level, noise, vibrations, dust, emissions to water and air, and rehabilitation of the finalized operation area.

The sites in Denmark, Finland and Sweden are certified according to ISO 14001. The Business Management System in NCC Industry, including Norway, contains routines corresponding to this standard.

However, aggregates are important when building the future society since aggregates is a core building material in residential buildings, offices, public buildings and infrastructure. Building a normal sized single-family house requires about 100 tonnes of aggregates (SGU, 2018).

The average yearly European demand of aggregates is about 5 tonnes per capita (UEPG, 2018). In the Nordic countries the demand is higher; 8-13 tonnes per capita and year, mainly due to a lower population density.

If aggregates are not contaminated, they may be reused many times through recycling which is key in resource efficiency. At many of our sites NCC recycle smaller amounts of aggregates, concrete, asphalt, bricks and different soils. Recycled materials can then be used again. In the end of life, aggregates are usually reused as filling material in construction projects.

When a quarry/gravel pit is opened the existing habitats changes and the area looks sterile. The soil is normally poor in nutrients and different parts of the area are often exceptionally sunlit or shady, conditions that are appreciated by many species. Within a relatively small operational area that is disrupted continuously, like the quarry/gravel pit, the natural environments are often more varied than in the pristine neighboring area. This makes many of our sites unique and creates opportunities to benefit biodiversity both during operation and when rehabilitating.

Explanatory material is given in the background report to this EPD. To read more about NCCs general sustainability work, please refer to our webpage: <https://www.ncc.com/sustainability>

Release of dangerous substances to indoor air, soil and water during the use stage

According to EN 15804, the EPD does not need to give this information if the horizontal standards on measurement of release of regulated dangerous substances from construction products using harmonised test methods according to the provisions of the respective technical committees for European product standards are not available. This criterion is fulfilled for aggregates.

Scenario information

For modules other than A1-A3, scenario-based information shall be declared for the products, see Table 13.

Module C (not for aggregates used in asphalt or concrete)

Scenario 1:

The majority of the aggregates (excluding the asphalt and concrete applications) stay in the construction for a long time period (more than 100 years). Thus, it is assumed that the aggregates do not reach the end-of-life stage.

Scenario 2:

A minor part of the aggregates is relocated, for example at the road where it is located. The material could for instance be used to fill an embankment in the proximity. This is expected to occur within a 100-year time horizon.

Table 13: Scenario-based information for end of life.

Scenario information	Unit (per declared unit)	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Collection process specified by type	kg collected separately	NA	1000
	kg collected with mixed construction waste	NA	0
Recovery system specified by type	kg for re-use	NA	1000
	kg for recycling	NA	0
	kg for energy recovery	NA	0
Disposal specified by type	kg product or material for final disposal	NA	0
Assumptions for scenario development, e.g. transportation	units as appropriate	Further scenario-based information is presented in the Annex of the Background Report	

Module D

Information in module D aims at transparency of the environmental benefits or loads resulting from reusable products, recyclable materials and/or useful energy carriers leaving a product system e.g. as secondary materials or fuels.

Loads are assigned to module D for materials and fuels where further processing occur after the end-of-waste state is reached. This, in order to replace primary material or fuel input in another product systems.

Benefits are assigned to module D for materials and fuels (that have left the system in any of the modules

A4-C4) that can substitute primary material of fuels that do not need to be produced. A functional equivalence must be reached.

The substitution effect is only calculating the resulting net output flow. The net output flow for the aggregates declared are shown in Table 14.

Table 14: Net output flow for module D per declared unit.

Product groups	Mass (kg)
1	1000
2	1000
3	1000
4	1000
5	1000
6	1000
7	1000

Scenario 1 (Net loads and net benefits):
Not relevant.

Scenario 2 (Net loads and net benefits):
The net load relates to the transport of the excavated material. This is assumed to be 3 km transported by a small truck (approximately 9 tonnes payload capacity).

The benefit gained is equal to the virgin aggregates that are substituted. This is assumed to replace the product group with the lowest environmental impact declared in the EPD (module A1-A3) (conservative assumption)

Programme information

This EPD is developed by NCC Industry Nordic AB. It is a result from an EPD certification process verified by Bureau Veritas. The EPD is valid for five years (after which it can be revised and reissued). NCC Industry Nordic AB is the declaration owner and has the liability and responsibility for the EPD.

EPDs of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804.

EPDs within the same product category but from different programmes may not be comparable.

The aim of this EPD is that it shall provide objective and reliable information on the environmental impact of the production of the declared product.

The intended use of the EPD is for business-to-business communication.

Table 15: Verification details.

CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the core Product Category Rules (PCR)	
Product Category Rules (PCR):	PCR 2019:14 Construction products, version 1.11
PCR review was conducted by:	The Technical Committee of the International EPD® System. See www.environdec.com/TC for a list of members. Review chair: Claudia A. Peña, University of Concepción, Chile. The review panel may be contacted via the Secretariat www.environdec.com/contact .
Independent third-party verification of the declaration and data, according to ISO 14025:2006:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EPD process certification (Internal) <input type="checkbox"/> EPD verification (External)
Certification body:	Bureau Veritas
Accredited:	SWEDAC
Procedure for follow-up of data during EPD validity involves third party verifier:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Differences versus previous versions

Table 16: Versions of this EPD.

Date of revision	Description of difference versus previous versions
2022-09-05	Original version